

MEETING MINUTES

MILPITAS PLANNING COMMISSION Milpitas City Hall, Council Chambers 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **Chair Mandal** called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL/ SEATING OF ALTERNATE** **Commissioners**
Present: Chair Sudhir Mandal, Vice Chair Larry Ciardella,
Commissioners Gurdev Sandhu, Rajeev Madnawat, Ray
Maglalang, Zeya Mohsin

Absent: Demetress Morris, Hon Lien

Staff: Felix Reliford, Johnny Phan, Steven Machida, Michael Boitnott
- III. PUBLIC FORUM** **Chair Mandal** invited members of the audience to address the Commission and there were no speakers.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** **Chair Mandal** called for approval of the March 25, 2015 meeting minutes of the Planning Commission.

Motion to approve Planning Commission meeting minutes as submitted.
Motion/Second: Vice Chair Ciardella/Commissioner Madnawat
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 1 Sandhu
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS** City Manager Tom Williams announced that Steven McHarris is retiring effective April 24 and that he will be more involved with the Planning department until a new director is hired.
- VI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST** **Assistant City Attorney Johnny Phan** asked if any member of the Commission had any personal or financial conflict of interest related to any of the items on the agenda.

There were no reported conflicts.
- VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** **Chair Mandal** asked if staff or Commissioners had changes to the agenda and there were none.

Motion to approve the April 8, 2015 agenda as submitted.
Motion/Second: Commissioner Sandhu/Vice Chair Ciardella
AYES: 6

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

NO ITEMS

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

IX-1 PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2015-20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP): Presentation of the CIP program, providing an overview of the Proposed 2015-20 CIP Annual Report.

City Engineer Steven Machida reviewed a PowerPoint presentation discussing the CIP Program.

Commissioner Sandhu spoke of the lack of lighting at Augustine Memorial Park and would like to see new lights installed.

Commissioner Madnawat would like to see smart meters, electronic water meters, in Milpitas, and said nearby cities are moving in that direction. Mr. Machida said meters are being replaced with smart meters as they begin to fail and new buildings are incorporating them.

Vice Chair Ciardella had questions and discussed multiple items, including fire stations and the replacement of stations 2 and 3, the pump system and pond at city hall, International Park and the number of groups and how they will be selected, McCandless Park and the need for coordination with the school district, and the sports center skate park and his preference to see a soccer or football field instead.

Chair Mandal asked about BART improvements while the tunnel is being dug and Mr. Machida said staff is in close contact with the contractors and coordinating improvements and timing with their construction schedule.

Chair Mandal asked about projects utilizing recycled water and Mr. Machida said the City Council has been supportive of extending the recycled water system and he spoke of a purple pipe connection on Los Coches and the desire to extend it to the sports center complex. He discussed recycled water turnouts and said staff has been in discussions with South Bay Water Recycling to add additional water connections. City Manager Williams added that water trucks at construction sites in Milpitas, spraying for dust control etc., are not using potable water but are required to fill up with reclaimed water from hydrants.

Commissioner Maglalang said he would like electrical vehicle charging stations in the Midtown parking garage and civic center and would like a study of locations and types of stations. He said he would like to see electrical vehicle charging stations throughout the city including shopping centers and parks.

Chair Mandal opened the public hearing and there were two speakers.

Milpitas resident Rob Marini spoke of sewer charges and fee increases, and said more homes means more water which makes the drought situation worse each time a new project is approved.

Milpitas resident Rob Means distributed a sheet regarding a BART Shuttle which could connect the BART station to various housing areas, the Great Mall, schools, etc.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Sandhu/Commissioner Maglalang

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

Commissioner Madnawat motioned to approve Resolution No. 15-016 with the following recommendations:

\$30,000 of the uncommitted balance for electrical vehicle charging stations be used for a pilot project to install 2-3 stations in 2015-16 (page 172)

\$60,000 of the uncommitted balance for traffic management equipment be used for bike lanes (page 167)

\$20,000 of the uncommitted balance for the Finance system (page 155) and find additional funds for a total of \$50,000 – 60,000 to encourage residents to install rooftop solar water heaters in 2016-17, starting with incentives for low income seniors.

Allocate funds for the installation of four LED lights at Augustine Park.

Formalize a program for the distribution of recycled water.

The plan for a skate park should be pushed out from 2017-18 to 2018-19.

The City Engineer should seek funds from the state to alleviate the traffic problem on Calaveras.

Study the feasibility of a BART circulator loop (shuttle) as suggested earlier in the meeting.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-016 Finding the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program in conformance with the General Plan with the recommendations noted above.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Madnawat/Commissioner Maglalang

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

X. NEW BUSINESS

NO ITEMS

XI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM to the next meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

Motion to adjourn to the next meeting.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Madnawat/Vice Chair Ciardella

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

*Meeting Minutes submitted by
Planning Secretary Elia Escobar*